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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PERM SEC FOR FONAFFS: SWAZILAND

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, CUBA, OAU MEETINGS,

ELECTIONS

S. Z. S. DLAMINI, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS IN COURSE OF TOUR D'HORIZON JUNE 7
ON OCCASION OF MY RETURN FROM TWO-WEEK ABSENCE:

1. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS. PERM SEC SAID NO DECISION
HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON LEVEL OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATION EXPECTED
FOR SEPTEMBER 6 CELEBRATION OF TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.
HE SAID SEVERAL AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE HAVE BEEN INVITED BUT
VENTURED THE PRIVATE OPINION THAT OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT BE
EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL ONLY. I ASKED
TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF GOS DELIBERATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.
HIS NOT UNEXPECTED RESPONSE WAS THAT FONAFFS "WOULD HEAR IN THE
COURSE OF TIME." (COMMENT: AS CONTINGENCY MEASURE, SUGGEST
SWAZILAND BE INCLUDED IN TENTATIVE ITINERARY OF AF ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IF TRIP PLANNED FOR
AFRICA IN THIS PERIOD.)

2. CUBA. PERM SEC SAID GOS HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY CUBAN
DELEGATION THAT VISITED LESOTHO, NOR WOULD GOS HAVE INTEREST
IN SUCH CONTACT. HE SAID NOTHING THAT WOULD INDICATE SPECIAL
GOS CONCERN OVER LESOTHO DEVELOPMENT.

3. OAU MEETINGS. PERM SEC SAID GOS SUPPORTED BUT HAD NOT YET OFFICIALLY COMMENTED ON OAU CHAIRMAN BONGO'S PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOWING MEETING DATES: MINISTERIAL JUNE 23-30, SUMMIT JULY 2-5. MINISTERIAL DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY A. K. HLOPHE, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE; SUMMIT DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER COLONEL MAPHEVU. (FOR KHARTOUM GOS DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE A. V. MAMBA, SWAZILAND HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EAST AFRICA, RESIDENT IN NAIROBI. UNTIL APRIL THIS YEAR, MAMBA WAS UNDER SECRETARY FOR FONAFFS AND WAS OUR PRINCIPAL CONTACT ON US-SWAZI MATTERS, HAVING SERVED IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. IF OCCASION ARISES, BELIEVE EMBASSY KAHRTUUM WOULD FIND HIM FRIENDLY AND FORTH-COMING CONTACT.)

4. ELECTIONS. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS ARE MOVING RAPIDLY. TEAMS ARE ALREADY IN COUNTRYSIDE TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED. ANTICIPATED THAT TEAMS WILL FINISH THEIR JOB BY JULY 2, AFTER WHICH EACH OF THE FORTY TINKHUNDLA (RURAL COUNCILS) WILL SELECT ONE OR MORE REPS TO SERVE IN NEWLY-CREATED BODY THAT WILL COMBINE THE FUNCTIONS OF AN ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. IN FORMER CAPACITY, THE NEW BODY WILL ASSIST KING IN SELECTING MEMBERS FOR NEW PARLIAMENT; PARLIAMENTARIANS MAY BE DRAWN FROM AMONG MEMBERSHIP OF NEW BODY BUT MAY ALSO INCLUDE OUTSIDERS. PARLIAMENT WILL NAME PRIME MINISTER, WHO WILL CHOOSE CABINET. IN ITS WATCHDOG CAPACITY, THE NEW BODY WILL INFORM KING WHENEVER IT BELIEVES ANY OF THE MINISTERS IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT DOING HIS DUTY. (COMMENT: NEW MECHANISM SEEMS TO PROVIDE LONG-NEEDED FORUM(S) IN WHICH POPULATION CAN EXPRESS DISCONTENT. WHETHER THE CUMBERSOME MECHANISM WILL IMPEDE OR PROMOTE CABINET'S RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.)
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